

15 September 1975

DFM:

Make sure this gets reported to GLC
in a staff meeting. Other things you should
be aware of is that next Thursday, 18
September, ~~xx Hopwood, xx case xx office xx~~
these guys will be out to see [redacted]
and [redacted] of DDI. It looks like
these guys intend to go pretty deep in
and may be trouble. Fill George in.

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Call [redacted] or see if he sees probe via a visit Agri.
what we do & what we give to Agri - O.K.
may want to alert Agri. - he may want to

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting With OTA Personnel

1. At the request of the Chairman, SIC [redacted] on 4 September 1975 [redacted] met with two representatives of OTA to discuss "world food problems." We were informed by [redacted] (ES/SIC) that the individuals wished to "float a few ideas" in preparation for hearings to be conducted by Senator H. Humphrey, that the talk was to be unclassified and that OLC had approved.

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2. The two visitors were a Dr. Wilcox and a Mr. Cordaro. The latter identified himself as a Humphrey staffer assigned to OTA and the former said he was a retired senior official of the Department of Agriculture acting as a consultant for OTA. Prior to the meeting [redacted] read an April 75 treatise on Agriculture information problems in the U.S. in preparation for the discussion.

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3. Immediately upon arrival the visitors asked for [redacted] and presented his phone number. We explained that [redacted] was in a different office (OER) and that he was on leave this week. We suggested that they call for an appointment next week.

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4. Early in the meeting it was evident that the visitors were interested in the US-Soviet grain import/export prospectus and that OER [redacted] was their true target. We told them so and added that our interest was strictly S&T. The visitors, nevertheless, persisted in questioning us about how the Agency predicted Soviet grain requirements and

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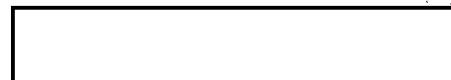
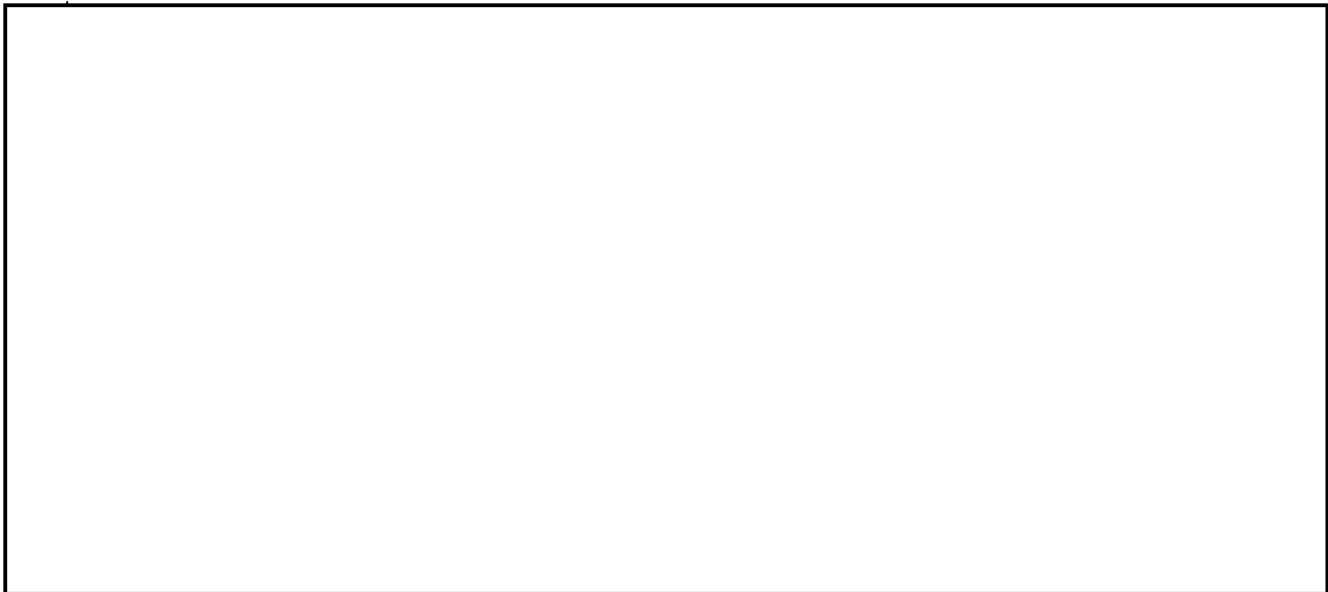
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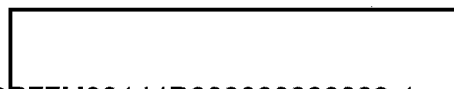
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losses, [redacted] for estimates of crops, and why did not the Department of Agriculture receive the necessary Agency estimates? We were noncommittal, retreated to our S&T only responsibilities and referred them to OER. When pressed as to why Agency estimates were reportedly better than Agriculture we suggested that the higher caliber of our personnel and superior information collation facilities were our strongest points. When asked about technical collection facilities or information from "unusual tools," we honestly claimed that we in Agriculture S&T had none but would love to have them.



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